



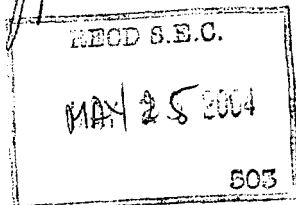
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Washington, D.C. 20549

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Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17a-5 Thereunder

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING April 1, 2003 AND ENDING March 31, 2004
MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY

A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER:

Cogent Alternative Strategies, Inc.

ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: (Do not use P.O. Box No.)

1901-B Post Road

(No. and Street)

Fairfield

Connecticut

06430

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REGARD TO THIS REPORT

Robert Doeberl

203-256-9498

(Area Code — Telephone No.)

B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report*

Halpern & Associates

(Name — if individual, state last, first, middle name)

143 Weston Road

Weston

CT

(Address)

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

CHECK ONE:

- ☒ Certified Public Accountant
☐ Public Accountant
☐ Accountant not resident in United States or any of its possessions.

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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, Robert Doeberl, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of Cogent Alternative Strategies, Inc., as of

March 31, 192004, are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that neither the company nor any partner, proprietor, principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of a customer, except as follows:


Signature

President

Title


Notary Public

JOANNE C. BARTMESS
NOTARY PUBLIC
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 2/28/05

This report** contains (check all applicable boxes):

- ☒ (a) Facing page.
- ☒ (b) Statement of Financial Condition.
- ☒ (c) Statement of Income (Loss).
- ☒ (d) Statement of Changes in Financial Condition.
- ☒ (e) Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity or Partners' or Sole Proprietor's Capital.
- ☐ (f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of Creditors.
- ☒ (g) Computation of Net Capital
- ☐ (h) Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3.
- ☐ (i) Information Relating to the Possession or Control Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3.
- ☒ (j) A Reconciliation, including appropriate explanation, of the Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 and the Computation for Determination of the Reserve Requirements Under Exhibit A of Rule 15c3-3.
- ☐ (k) A Reconciliation between the audited and unaudited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of consolidation.
- ☒ (l) An Oath or Affirmation.
- ☐ (m) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report.
- ☐ (n) A report describing any material inadequacies found to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit.

**For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).

COGENT ALTERNATIVE STRATEGIES, INC.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

MARCH 31, 2004



Halpern & Associates, LLC

Certified Public Accountants and Consultants

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Shareholders of
Cogent Alternative Strategies, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Cogent Alternative Strategies, Inc. (the "Company"), as of March 31, 2004. This financial statement is the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether this financial statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Cogent Alternative Strategies, Inc. as of March 31, 2004, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Halpern & Associates, LLC

Weston, Connecticut
May 12, 2004

COGENT ALTERNATIVE STRATEGIES, INC.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

MARCH 31, 2004

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 22,941
Organizational costs, less accumulated amortization of \$10,678	464
Other assets	<u>11,558</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 34,963</u>

LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Accrued expenses and other liabilities	\$ 12,736
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SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

Common stock, par value .01; authorized 1,000 shares; issued and outstanding 1,000 shares	\$ 20,000
Additional paid in capital	37,000
Retained earnings/deficit	<u>(34,773)</u>

TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	<u>22,227</u>
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	<u>\$ 34,963</u>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

COGENT ALTERNATIVE STRATEGIES, INC.
NOTES TO STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION
MARCH 31, 2004

1. NOTES ON SIGNIFICANT BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

Cogent Alternative Strategies, Inc. (the "Company") began doing business as a registered broker-dealer with the Securities and Exchange Commission in July 2000. The principal source of the Company's income is generated from the private placement of securities. In this capacity, the firm places assets with investment managers for its qualified individual and institutional customers.

The Company's policy is to continuously monitor its exposure to market and counterparty risk through the use of a variety of financial position and credit exposure reporting and control procedures. In addition, the Company has a policy of reviewing the credit standing of each broker/dealer, clearing organization, fund manager, customer and/or other counterparty with which it conducts business.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Company maintains its books and records on the accrual basis for financial statement reporting purposes and for income tax purposes.

Organizational costs are amortized using the straight-line method over 60 months.

3. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents include \$10,912 in a money market fund, which is held at the bank.

4. PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES

The Company is recognized as a Corporation by the Internal Revenue Service. As a Corporation, the Company is subject to both federal and state taxes.

For income tax purposes, the Company has available federal loss carryforwards of \$13,068 and state loss carryforwards of approximately \$37,582, which will expire March 31, 2023. As a result the financial statements reflect the minimum tax charged by the State of Connecticut.

Included in other assets is a deferred tax asset of \$958 that has been offset by a valuation allowance due to the uncertainty about the realization of the carryforwards.

COGENT ALTERNATIVE STRATEGIES, INC.

NOTES TO STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION (Continued)

MARCH 31, 2004

5. COMMITMENT

The Company leases office space under a non-cancelable lease expiring April 14, 2006. The lease contains provisions for escalations based on increases in certain costs incurred by the lessor. Future minimum lease payments for the fiscal years ending March 31, 2005 and March 31, 2006 are \$7,260 and 7,560 respectively.

6. RULE 15C3-3

The Company is exempt from the provisions of Rule 15c3-3 under paragraph (k)(2)(i) in that the Company carries no customer accounts.

7. NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS

The Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission's Net Capital Rule 15c3-1, which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital and requires that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 15 to 1. At March 31, 2004, the Company had net capital of \$16,289, which exceeded the minimum requirement of \$5,000 by \$11,289. The Company's ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital was .78 to 1.